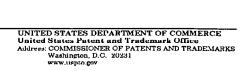


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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --THE REPLY FILED Jan 23, 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid the abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. THE PERIOD FOR REPLY [check only a) or b)] a) X The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection. b) The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). 1. 🗆 . Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in A Notice of Appeal was filed on 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. 2. 🗆 The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because: (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below); (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below); (c) \(\sum \) they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or (d) they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims. NOTE: 3. X Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): The amendment overcomes the 112 1P rejection of claims 9 and 10 4. 🗆 Newly proposed or amended claim(s) would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s). 5. X The a) affidavit, b) affidavit, b) are exhibit, or c) are request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: The applicants arguments are not persuasive with regards to broad language of claims 1 and 4, the art rejection of claims 1 and 4 is still applicable. 6. 🗀 The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection. 7. X For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) will not be entered or b) will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows: Claim(s) allowed: 8 Claim(s) objected to: 5-7, 9, and 10 Claim(s) rejected: 1-4 Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: is a) \square approved or b) \square disapproved by the Examiner. 8. 🗆 The proposed drawing correction filed on 9. Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 10. Other:

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